

In claim 16, line 1, please delete "any preceding claim" and replace with -- claim 1--.

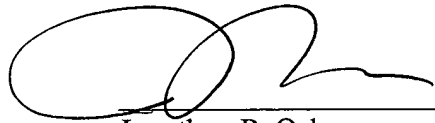
Please cancel claims 18 and 19.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to correct antecedent basis errors. Full examination and favorable action are requested.

Please charge any fees, or make any credits, to Deposit Account No. 500-591,
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